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US Department of Justice:

I strongly support the proposed settlement between the US Government and Microsoft. This trial has gone on for long enough and with or economy in recession the last thing we need to do is harass profitable US companies like Microsoft.

From the beginning this case has seemed like Netscape, AOL-Time Warner, Sun, and other Microsoft competitors have been pushing to have Microsoft broken up, or punished, and not because they believe Microsoft is stifling innovation and hurting consumers, but the opposite. Microsoft is innovating and lowering the prices of computer software all the time, but companies like Netscape who have an inferior products can't keep up, don't forget that before Microsoft started giving away Internet Explorer, Netscape was charging for its Communicator browser.

The settlement is a good idea, and hopefully it'll go through. Microsoft is one of the most valuable companies the US has, and we need to realize that and let them keep operating and out-performing the competition.

Thanks,
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